

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_2041A  
Youji SHIBAHARA et al. : **Confirmation No. 8845**  
Serial No. 10/563,357 : Group Art Unit 2621  
Filed June 12, 2006 : Examiner Anyikire, C.  
CODY MODE DETERMINING : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
APPARATUS, IMAGE CODING  
APPARATUS, CODING MODE  
DETERMINING METHOD AND  
CODING MODE DETERMINING  
PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed September 2, 2010,  
Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to claims 38-55, 72 and 75.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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